

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-17 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 18-20 as follows:

1. (Original) A process for preparing (+)duloxetine, or an acid addition salt thereof, which process comprises:

- (i) resolving racemic ( $\pm$ )duloxetine with a chiral acid so as to obtain a salt of the chiral acid and (+)duloxetine, substantially free of (-)duloxetine; and
- (ii) if desired, converting the salt prepared in step (i) to the free base or a further acid addition salt.

2. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the chiral acid is selected from the group consisting of mandelic acid, tartaric acid, di-p-toluy l tartaric acid, dibenzoyl tartaric acid and camphor sulfonic acid.

3. (Original) A process according to claim 2, wherein the chiral acid is di-p-toluy l tartaric acid.

4. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein step (ii) comprises reacting a salt prepared in (i) with hydrochloric acid to yield (+)duloxetine hydrochloride.

5. (Original) A process for preparing (+)duloxetine hydrochloride, which process comprises:

- (i) resolving racemic ( $\pm$ )duloxetine with di-p-toluyyl tartaric acid so as to obtain (+)duloxetine di-p-toluyyl tartrate, substantially free of (-)duloxetine; and
- (ii) converting (+)duloxetine di-p-toluyyl tartrate prepared in step (i) to (+)duloxetine hydrochloride.

6. (Previously Presented) A process which comprises:

- (i) resolving racemic ( $\pm$ )duloxetine with a chiral acid in a process according to claim 1, and obtaining a mother liquor enriched in (-)duloxetine;
- (ii) converting (-)duloxetine obtained from step (i) to ( $\pm$ )duloxetine; and
- (iii) if desired, employing ( $\pm$ )duloxetine obtained from step (ii) in a process according to claim 1.

7.-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A salt of a chiral acid and (+)duloxetine, containing not more than 1% of (-)duloxetine obtained by a process according to claim 1.

19. (Currently Amended) A salt of a chiral acid and (+)duloxetine, substantially free of (-)duloxetine, selected from the group consisting of (+)duloxetine mandelate, (+)duloxetine tartrate, (+)duloxetine di-p-toluyyl tartrate, (+)duloxetine dibenzoyl tartrate and (+)duloxetine camphor sulfonate obtained by a process according to claim 1.

20. (Currently Amended) (+)duloxetine di-p-toluyyl tartrate, substantially free of (-)duloxetine, obtained by a process according to claim 1.

21. (Previously Presented) (+)duloxetine, or an acid addition salt thereof, obtained by a process according to claim 1.

22. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising ~~(+)duloxetine~~ (+)duloxetine, or an acid addition salt thereof, obtained by a process according to claim 1.